

Bear Creek Trail

Length 4.8 miles, out and back

The Bear Creek Trail is located in northern Columbia and links two of the city's most popular large parks, the 533-acre Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area and the 81.5-acre Albert-Oakland Park. In general, the trail follows the natural drainage system of Bear Creek and runs in an east/west direction across the northern part of the city. No unauthorized motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail. The trail experiences moderate daily recreational use with increased traffic on weekends.

Users/Activities



The Average Grade of the trail is 2.0%

The maximum grade on the trail is 18.8%

Trail Cross Slopes Between 0% — 7.1%

The Average Tread Width of the trail is 120"

The minimum tread width of the trail is 72" (select access areas have a 65" entry width due to safety bollards)

The Trail Surface is crushed limestone.

100% of the trail is firm under normal conditions. Trail washout is common with heavy rain.

Trailhead Locations (accessible parking spaces available):

Cosmo Park, 1615 Business Loop 70 W.

Creasy Spring Rd., 3201 Creasy Springs Rd.

Garth Nature Area, 2799 N. Garth Ave

Albert Oakland Park Access, 1900 Blue Ridge Rd

Warning: Trail conditions may have changed since this trail was assessed. Temporary obstacles such as flooding, pooling water/mud, fallen trees or other debris, and cracks/ruts in the trail surface may have occurred. When precipitation occurs, slippery conditions may apply on all bridge and boardwalk surfaces.



Trail Access Information, 04/29/2019

